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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/733,240	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BERTERMANN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Alexander Thomas	<b>Art Unit</b> 1772	

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Specification***

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: a brief description of Figures 7-10 must be provided in the specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: it appears that the term "by" should be – in – in order to make the claim grammatically correct. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

3. Reference AF, which was cited but not considered, was not considered because a copy of said reference was not provided.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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5. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Byrd ('469). See column 2, lines 41-51, column 3, lines 12-13 and Figure 1. Byrd discloses that the fibers are parallel to principal outside surfaces of the blanket and, since the blanket is folded, would also have fibers at the folded edge that are parallel to the layer C to which it is attached.

6. Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hounsel ('663). See Figures 1 and 2, and column 5, lines 44-59. It is noted that patent 4,103,469 is cited in the reference as showing the folded blanket material. In 4,103,469 it is disclosed that the fibers are parallel to principal outside surfaces of the blanket and, since the blanket is folded, would also have fibers at the folded edge that are parallel to the layer 24, 26 to which it is attached.

7. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al ('854). See Figure 2, the abstract and paragraphs [0036] and [0025]. Smith et al discloses that the fibers are parallel to principal outside surfaces of the blanket and, since the blanket is folded, would also have fibers at the folded edge that are parallel to the covering 12 to which it is attached.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-1502. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-4:00 M-THUR.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander S. Thomas".

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